

the National Indicator Fraternity of the Amateur Softball Hall of Fame. She's been an umpire for several national slow-pitch tournaments and the NCAA Division III National Championship for three years.

When I first began work on Title IX earlier this year, my office contacted Nan to find out more about the effects of Title IX at the University of Buffalo. She was enormously helpful and supportive in helping us lead the fight to save this fundamental civil rights law that ensures gender equality in athletic opportunities.

I was devastated to hear that Nan is currently battling ovarian cancer. She learned of her disease almost three years ago, and has been undergoing chemotherapy for 34 straight months. Her prognosis is still very uncertain, yet she fights this disease daily with grace and determination.

Let me tell you about the kind of person Nan Harvey is. Despite suffering chemotherapy treatments, she is still dedicated to University of Buffalo Athletics. She has dedicated a large portion of her life to her family at the University of Buffalo. I am deeply moved by Nan's decision regarding her estate. With her health in an uncertain state, Nan decided to bequeath to the University of Buffalo athletic department a minimum of \$200,000 from her retirement funds. The money will be used with an emphasis on women's sports.

Her commitment to the University of Buffalo, and to female athletes, has inspired her colleagues, her students, and her community. In honor of everything that she has given to the school and to women's athletics, the University of Buffalo will be renaming its softball facility Nan Harvey Field.

I cannot express how deeply proud I am of Nan Harvey, of the life that she has led and the example she has set.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 172 and 176, had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

ON SUMTER COUNTY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an important historical anniversary in Sumter County, Florida, in my Fifth Congressional District.

Sumter County recently turned 150 years old and the people of the area celebrated this anniversary in true Sumter-County style this past weekend. I was pleased to be a part of the events and join some of my constituents in celebrating this milestone in the county's history.

Sumter County first appeared on Florida's map on January 8, 1853 after State legislation called for its creation from a portion of Marion County, its neighbor to the north. Today, a

century and a half later, Sumter County is home to more than 54,000, Floridians and that number is growing rapidly.

But rapid growth won't change what Sumter County is known for—its sense of community. Home to warm people and, as in the rest of Florida, warm weather, thousands of new residents move to Sumter County each year and find a home in what we've known for some time to be one of the best places in the country to live.

I congratulate the residents, the municipalities and the businesses of Sumter County as they recognize this important anniversary. I wish them 150 more years of growth, development and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING ZACHARY G. FOSTER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Zachary G. Foster of Tiffin, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Zachary will soon graduate from Columbian High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a 3.8 grade point average. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in soccer and swimming. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, actively participating in Key Club, Knowledge Master Open and the National Honor Society.

Zachary Foster can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Zachary is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the United States Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Zachary Foster has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING IRVING B. HARRIS FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join the Center for Human Po-

tential and Public Policy and the many who have gathered at the University of Chicago to honor and celebrate the contributions of an outstanding American—a man who is my dear friend, Irving B. Harris. Today's Festschrift is a fitting tribute to a man who has spent a lifetime in the service of others.

As I look over the course of Irving's life, I am struck by his countless acts of generosity and compassion. As an advocate, a philanthropist, and a leading voice for children, his achievements have left an indelible mark on our society. Irving Harris recognized early on that the key to our children's success lay in their most formative years, birth to three. He inspired, developed and supported scores of programs and organizations dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged youngsters across the nation. He founded the Erikson Institute, a child development graduate school, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a public/private partnership that created and promoted community-based initiatives to improve early childhood development. He was a leader in development of Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families whose work to support families and promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers had a tremendous impact in communities across the nation. His work brought him national recognition as a leading voice for the betterment of children across the country.

Irving Harris is one of those rare individuals with roots in the world of business and finance who has used his hard-won wealth and influence to help others less fortunate. And his work and diligence and dedication is not only remarkable but unceasing. It is a reflection of all that we strive to be. His sincerity is marked by the principles he instilled in his own family—in his children and grandchildren, who today carry on his work on behalf of the other children of America.

Through education, public policy development, grant-making and advocacy, Irving Harris' vision and leadership has earned him recognition and many honors and awards over the years. He has served many organizations including the National Commission on Children and the Carnegie Corporation's New York Task Force on Meeting the Needs of Young Children.

It has been an enormous privilege for me to work with Irving over the years, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration. Irving knows that our young people represent the future and we as a community and nation must give them the tools to succeed. He recognized this simple fact many years ago, and dedicated his life to fulfilling that important goal.

Irving Harris continues his work today, as I hope he will for many more years to come. Thank you, Irving for the difference you have made in this country, and the millions of lives you have made better through your vision, your passion, and your generous spirit of mind. You are an inspiration to all of us.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ELBERT W. SUTTON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of this nation's most distinguished